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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Application of:

Applicant(s) Motomichi Shibano

Serial No.: 09/822,546

Conf. No.: 7656

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: OPTICAL PICKUP...

Art Unit: 2655

Examiner: Patel, Gautam

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

- (X) Enclosed is a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.
- () Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), with check in the amount of \$_____.
- (X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed March 16, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect Group A and Species a (Figures 5-8; Claims 8-14) with traverse only with respect to Claims 1-7 of Group B. The grounds for traversal are set forth in the Remarks below.